

paid for each game rather than if you ran up 100 games and paid a smaller amount for each game?

SENATOR JOHANNIS: I think the point is that you can set the difficulty and you can set the number of games inside, and I think you are right in that it depends on how the machine is used. But the bottom line is you have to be able to set a limit so that the State Patrol and other law enforcement officials can go in there and prosecute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, we can't set up everything we do in this state for the convenience of the State Patrol and lazy, incompetent law enforcement people, and there are such individuals wearing uniforms and hiding behind badges. When we've got people so inept in their job that you've got to make somebody put on a sign and say I'm violating the law, come and arrest me, I waive all my rights, I plead guilty and I go straight to jail without passing go, then the cops are happy. That is preposterous. This is supposed to be a mature society, whether it is or not. And when we formulate policies and set laws, we ought to do it in the way that is least obtrusive to the rights of the citizens. This should not be a police state. Everything should not be done with a view to what satisfies the State Patrol, local police or county sheriffs. We have found examples where some of them have gambled and the county attorney did not want to prosecute because he didn't want to ruin their careers, yet these individuals had arrested other people and they had been prosecuted, but they had careers. So I think that law enforcement argument is beside the point. The machines are not illegal, and I think the amendment being offered, since it is before us, is reasonable and I'm going to support it. Now, I have spoken.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The question has been called. Senator Johnson.